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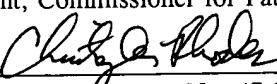
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action<sup>1</sup> mailed on December 27, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks and reconsideration of the application.

<sup>1</sup> The Office Action Summary indicates that the Office Action is final. However, nowhere in the Office Action itself is there any indication that the Office Action is final. Furthermore, as this is the first Office Action received after filing of an RCE, it is improper for the Office Action to be final. Accordingly, the Office Action Summary was improperly marked. This error was confirmed by the Examiner in an interview on March 22, 2005.